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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: J. Dugan, et al.  
Application No.: 09/390,289  
Filed: September 3, 1999  
For: MULTI-COMPONENT FIBERS, FIBER-CONTAINING  
MATERIALS MADE THEREFROM AND METHODS OF  
MAKING THE FIBER-CONTAINING MATERIALS  
Art Unit: 1771  
Examiner: J. Befumo

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 16, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the  
following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.